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In re application of:

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Appl. No. 10/072,885

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For: **Method, System, and Apparatus
for Binary Traversal of a Tag
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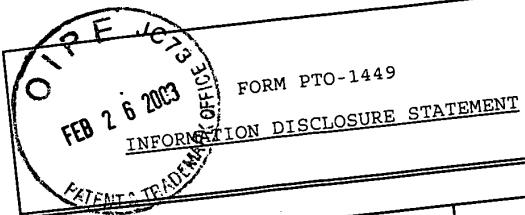
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	AA1	3,520,406	07/1970	Turner			
	AB1	3,689,885	09/1972	Kaplan et al.			
	AC1	4,071,908	01/1978	Brophy et al.			
	AD1	4,225,953	09/1980	Simon et al.			
	AE1	4,418,411	11/1983	Strietzel			
	AF1	4,471,345	09/1984	Barrett, Jr.			
	AG1	4,495,496	01/1985	Miller, III			
	AH1	4,533,871	08/1985	Boetzkes			
	AJ1	4,598,275	07/1986	Ross et al.			
	AK1	4,636,950	01/1987	Caswell et al.			
		4,656,463	04/1987	Anders et al.			

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	AL1	EP 0 467 036	01/1992	Europe	G01S	13/74	Yes No
	AM1	EP 0 494 114	07/1992	Europe	G07C	9/00	Yes No
	AN1	EP 0 496 986	08/1992	Europe	H04L	1/16	Yes No
	AO1	EP 0 578 457	01/1994	Europe	G06K	17/00	Yes No
	AP1	EP 0 585 132	03/1994	Europe	G01S	13/78	Yes No

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	AR	1	Plug and Play ISA Specification - Version 1.0a, Intel Corporation and Microsoft Corporation, May 5, 1994, pages 1-65.
	AS	1	Copy of International Search Report issued October 1, 2002 for Appln. No. PCT/US02/03989, 8 pages.
	AT	1	Wade, W., "Micron To Acquire ID Tech, ID Micro," Today's Electronic News, Gainers Publication, Vol. 43, No. 2183, September 1, 1997, page 16.

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	AA2	4,862,160	08/1989	Ekchian et al.			
	AB2	4,931,788	06/1990	Creswick			
	AC2	5,124,699	06/1992	Tervoert et al.			
	AD2	5,214,409	05/1993	Beigel			
	AE2	5,245,534	09/1993	Waterhouse et al.			
	AF2	5,266,925	11/1993	Vercellotti et al.			
	AG2	5,289,372	02/1994	Guthrie et al.			
	AH2	5,313,052	05/1994	Watanabe et al.			
	AI2	5,339,073	08/1994	Dodd et al.			
	AJ2	5,356,516	10/1994	Ashby et al.			
	AK2	5,365,551	11/1994	Snodgrass et al.			

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	AM2 ✓	EP 0 615 285	09/1994	Europe	H01L	21/60	Yes No
	AN2 ✓	EP 0 702 323 A2	03/1996	Europe	G06K	17/00	Yes No
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	AP2 ✓	WO 93/05485	03/1993	PCT	G07G	1/12	Yes No

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	AA3	5,390,360	02/1995	Scop et al.			
	AB3	5,410,315	04/1995	Huber			
	AC3	5,420,577	05/1995	Kim et al.			
	AD3	5,430,441	07/1995	Bickley et al.			
	AE3	5,434,572	07/1995	Smith			
	AF3	5,434,775	07/1995	Sims et al.			
	AG3	5,444,223	08/1995	Blama			
	AH3	5,446,447	08/1995	Carney et al.			
	AI3	5,469,142	11/1995	Bergman et al.			
	AJ3	5,478,991	12/1995	Watanabe et al.			
	AK3	5,479,416	12/1995	Snodgrass et al.			

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	AL3	WO 99/26462	06/1999	PCT			Yes No
	AM3	WO 00/26993	05/2000	PCT	H01Q	21/20	Yes No
	AN3						Yes No
	AO3						Yes No
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AB4		5,499,017	03/1996	Beigel			
AC4		5,500,650	03/1996	Snodgrass et al.			
AD4		5,515,053	05/1996	Hecht et al.			
AE4		5,519,381	05/1996	Marsh et al.			
AF4		5,528,222	06/1996	Moskowitz et al.			
AG4		5,528,232	06/1996	Verma et al.			
AH4		5,537,105	07/1996	Marsh et al.			
AI4		5,539,394	07/1996	Cato et al.			
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	AB5	5,557,280	09/1996	Marsh et al.			
	AC5	5,566,441	10/1996	Marsh et al.			
	AD5	5,576,692	11/1996	Tompkins et al.			
	AE5	5,583,819	12/1996	Roesner et al.			
	AF5	5,583,850	12/1996	Snodgrass et al.			
	AG5	5,591,951	01/1997	Doty			
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	AI5	5,627,517	05/1997	Theimer et al.			
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	AD6	5,673,037	09/1997	Cesar et al.			
	AE6	5,680,459	10/1997	Hook et al.			
	AF6	5,686,888	11/1997	Welles, II et al.			
	AG6	5,686,902	11/1997	Reis et al.			
	AH6	5,689,239	11/1997	Turner et al.			
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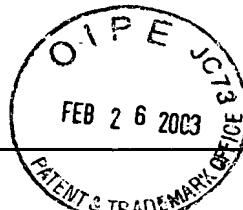
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